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| | | Development of Agra and Visitor Management for Taj Mahal | 758.00 | 606.40 |
| | | Development of Haridaspur, Khereswar Dham etc. in Aligarh District | 497.04 | 397.63 |
| | | Development of Simoni Tourist Complex, in Distt. Banda | 397.86 | 318.29 |
| 19. | Uttaranchal | Development of Yamunotri Dham | 448.99 | 359.19 |
| 20. | West Bengal | Development of 'Tea Tourism Circuit' in North Bengal | 388.98 | 311.18 |
| | | Development of Kalimpong in the State of West Bengal | 498.38 | 398.70 |
| | | Development of Rural Tourism at Village Mukutmonipur, Distt. Bankura | 50.00 | 40.00 |
| | | TOTAL: | 15347.50 | 11726.55 |

**Sex tourism**

†698. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the number of tourists coming to the country for sex tourism is continuously increasing, if so, the places which are the centres of such activities;

(b) whether Government are also aware that the number of AIDS patients is increasing in such places and States;

(c) whether Government are also aware that this is creating problems in the social system of the country; and

(d) the plan of Government to check the same?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) No specific complaint or report on prevalence of sex tourism in the country has been received in the Ministry of Tourism.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Safety and Security of tourists is a State subject and hence, the Ministry of Tourism has advised all State Governments and Union Territories to deploy Tourist Police at important tourist centres/destinations. The

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Goa, Kerala, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi have deployed Tourist Police in one form or the other.

**Moksh tourism**

699. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Varanasi proposed to offer moksh tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how far this has gained popularity in the country and abroad?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) No such proposal has been received from Government of Uttar Pradesh.

(c) Does not arise.

**Promotion of Tourism in Goa**

700. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Goa has proposed to give permission to start floating casinos in the State to boost tourism;

(b) whether Central Government have issued any guidelines to the State Government in the matter of establishing casinos;

(c) whether Government have any policy in regard to setting up of golf clubs, casinos, water sports etc. as a part of tourism activity; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) The casinos on board in vessels offshore are allowed under the Goa Public Gambling Act by Government of Goa.

(b) Ministry of Tourism has not issued any guidelines to the State Government in the matter of establishing casinos.

(c) and (d)Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance to States for tourism infrastructure development under its scheme of 'Product/ Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits'. The projects like Golf course etc. are also encouraged through Public Private Partnership